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Funding Opportunities from State Agencies for Environmental Projects*

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Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA)

Watershed Initiative: Watershed Stewardship Program

Contact: John Clarkeson (617) 626-1159

Summary: EOEA seeks proposals from qualified organizations, as an independent contractor, that accomplish one or more of the following objectives as stated in the Open Space Bond. These are 1) restoration of sites; 2) research 3) environmental improvements; 4) recreational improvements. Each proposed activity must meet one or more of these objectives. The Watershed Stewardship Program, administered by the Massachusetts Watershed Initiative (MWI), is intended to support these objectives in the context of the Initiative. The MWI focuses on creating strong partnerships among state and federal agencies, municipalities, local boards, businesses, watershed and civic associations, regional planning agencies, citizens and others to restore and protect natural resources utilizing a watershed approach. EOEA may give preference to proposals which, in addition to providing the Commonwealth with the best value for the proposed project, also demonstrates the bidder's ability to develop or enhance its position as an organized, sustaining community partner for the Watershed Initiative.

Eligibility: 501 c(3) organizations, land trusts, conservation districts, counties, cities and towns, and other regional or local planning organizations.

Match: Projects must have a 1:1, dollar-for-dollar non-state match of the total state grant amount. In-kind services are eligible as a cost match..

$ Range Individual contracts of up to $50,000 will be awarded on a competitive basis. In fiscal year 2000 (July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000) a total of $200,000 may be awarded. The contract shall last for a period of up to 2 years. The contract may be extended at the discretion of EOEA for up to two six month periods. Funding for Year 2 is contingent upon satisfactory completion of Year 1 tasks.

Schedule: RFR currently available. Responses due on or before December 11, 1999.

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* **This funding list is a summary document, not a request for responses nor an amendment to any request for responses currently effective. All requests for responses are available on the internet at www.comm-pass.com.**

Watershed Initiative: Volunteer Monitoring Grants

Contact: John Clarkeson (617) 626-1159 or john.clarkeson@state.ma.us
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Summary: Grants are available to support volunteer groups which monitor inland and coastal systems; to coordinate these efforts with state priority projects under the MWI; and to gather information to support the protection and restoration of important aquatic habitats and natural resources. These funds may be used for marine, estuarine, and freshwater monitoring to better understand the environmental health of our state's 27 watersheds. There are two types of grant awards:

1) Volunteer Monitoring Grant - To aid in the start-up of volunteer monitoring or to support established volunteer monitoring groups currently active in environmental monitoring in Massachusetts. Grants are awarded based on detailed work plans including schedules for Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) submission (where applicable). This grant may not be used solely for salaries or administrative costs. Outreach expenditures cannot exceed more than 15% of the total award.

2) Project Supply Grant - To purchase project supplies such as but not limited to field and sampling supplies, laboratory testing, and lab supplies.

Eligibility: Both types of volunteer monitoring grants are available to an IRS 501 (c) (3) certified nonprofit monitoring group as well as those monitoring groups organized by municipalities or public academic institutions relying on volunteers. Municipal or non-profit labs are also eligible for equipment grants if they submit a joint response with a cooperating volunteer monitoring group.

$ Range: Type 1 grant recipients may receive up to $5000.
Type 2 grant recipients may receive up to $2000.

Schedule: The RFR goes out periodically. Please call for more information.

Watershed Initiative/Planning for Growth: Communities Connected by Water Program

Contact: John Clarkeson: (617) 626-1175

Summary: The purpose of this program is to solicit projects that protect watershed resources and plan for sustainable growth. This program recognizes the inherent connection between the resource protection objectives of the Planning for Growth Program and the Watershed Initiative.

Eligibility: Watershed Initiative Segment: watershed organizations, 501 (c)(3) organizations, regional planning agencies, conservation districts, counties, and cities and towns. Planning for Growth Segment: regional planning agencies acting on behalf of cities and towns, a group of municipalities acting through a lead community.

Match: Watershed Initiative Segment: 100%; at least 50% cash. Planning for Growth Segment: 25%; cash or in-kind.

$ Range: Watershed Initiative Segment: contracts of up to $150,000. Planning for Growth Segment: contracts of up to $100,000.

Examples: Two projects were funded from the 1998 grant round, "Planning for Growth and Watershed Protection in the Ipswich River Watershed" and "Looking Beyond Devens: Planning for the Future in the Nashua River Watershed Area".

Schedule: It is anticipated that the RFR for the 1999 offering will be issued in January 2000.

Watershed Inititive/Environmental Education: Outdoor Classroom Program

Contact: Melissa Griffiths (617) 626-1114

Summary: Each proposed activity should meet one or more of the following goals while promoting watershed and environmental education in the classroom. The goals, as defined by the Open Space Bond Bill are 1) restoration of sites; 2) research; 3) environmental improvements; 4) recreational improvements.

Match: Not required, but presence of match does strengthen application.

$ Range: Up to $1,500.

Examples: New program. None awarded to date.

Schedule: RFR is currently available. Applications will be accepted through March 1, 2000. Responses are currently reviewed on a monthly basis.

Planning for Growth Grants

Contact: Kurt Gaertner: (617) 626-1154

Summary: Comprehensive growth planning for cities and towns and development of regional policy plans.

Eligibility: Municipalities and regional planning agencies.

Match: 25%, can be cash or in-kind.

$ Range: Up to $100,000.

Examples: $80,000 to the towns of Buckland and Shelburne for the completion of an inter-municipal comprehensive plan. $50,000 to the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission and the Towns of Lee and Lenox for development of a sub-regional growth policy plan.

Schedule: The RFR for the 1999 grant round is scheduled for release in late 1998 or early 1999. Projects will commence after 7/1/99.

Wetlands Restoration and Banking Program

GROWetlands Grant Program

Contact: Christy Foote-Smith: (617) 292-5991

Summary: The program funds the implementation of "proactive" (not required by a permit or enforcement action) wetlands restoration projects. The program wishes to promote and support wetland restoration projects that have been identified and prioritized through the GROWetland Initiative, inventories it has conducted of degraded salt marshes, and watershed wetland restoration plans it has developed.

Eligibility: Applicants must be public entities, including counties, town authorities, regional government bodies, and any instrumentalities of government. The wetland restoration work to be performed must not be for the purpose of providing wetland mitigation required by a permit or enforcement action.

Match: A grant match is not required, but may result in a more competitive project since the proportion of cash and in-kind contributions toward the total project cost is a criterion for evaluation grant proposals.

$ Range: Although there is no maximum application amount, the total program funds are $100,000 annually. Proposals fall into two categories, but are judged equally : 1) under $50,000 and 2) over $50,000.

Examples: Fundable project costs include: 1) physical activities directly related to wetland restoration such as dredging, filling, ditching, mowing, installation of structures, excavation, planting, grading, and monitoring and 2) the purchase of materials such as culverts, tidegates, and other structures necessary to carry out a successful restoration.

Schedule: All application materials are reviewed by mid-winter annually. Call for more information.

Corporate Wetlands Resoration Program

Contact: Christy Foote-Smith: (617) 292-5991

Summary: This program is funded through a public/private partnership to restore wetlands. The program provides funds for wetland restoration projects to GROWetlands projects accepted the Wetlands Restoration and Banking Program (different from the GROWetlands Grant program). GROWetlands provides technical and other support to groups, agencies, individuals who are engaging in proactive wetland restoration. The program funds the implementation of "proactive" (not required by a permit or enforcement action) wetlands restoration projects.

Eligibility: Unlimited as to applicants. Must be project that meets WRBP's definition of "wetland restoration".

Match: A grant match is not required, but may result in a more competitive project since the proportion of cash and in-kind contributions toward the total project cost is a criterion for evaluation grant proposals.

$ Range: Unlimited.

Examples: Project activities include: 1) physical activities directly related to wetland restoration such as dredging, filling, ditching, mowing, installation of structures, excavation, planting, grading, and monitoring; 2) the purchase of materials such as culverts, tidegates, and other structures necessary to carry out a successful restoration; and 3) other activities directly related to wetland restoration such as project design and permitting.

Schedule: Applications are accepted year round.

Division of Conservation Services (DCS)

Self-Help Program

Contact: Jennifer Soper: (617) 626-1015

Summary: Funds for acquiring land for conservation and passive recreation purposes.

Eligibility: Municipal Conservation Commissions (A town must have an state approved Open Space and Recreation Plan to be eligible.)

Match: 52-70% grant of total project cost: level of funding dependent upon the equalized valuation per capita decile ranking of the community. Please note that this is a reimbursement program, not a matching grants program.

$ Range: Maximum Grant award amount is announced at the onset of each grant round by the Secretary of EOEA.

Examples: Award to Falmouth to purchase coastal pond property adjacent to larger conservation area.

Schedule: The application process begins in the spring with an application deadline of June 1. A new rolling grant round is in development and will be announced by the Secretary of EOEA.

Urban Self-Help Program

Contact: Joan Robes: (617) 626-1014

Summary: Funds for acquiring land for public outdoor recreation and/or the renovation or development of public outdoor park and recreation facilities.

Eligibility: Municipalities:. Town must have a state approved Open Space and Recreation Plan to be eligible.

Match: 52-70% grant of total project cost: level of funding dependent upon the equalized valuation per capita decile ranking of the community. Please note that this is a reimbursement program, not a matching grants program.

$ Range: Maximum Grant award amount is announced at the onset of each grant round by the Secretary of EOEA.

Examples: Funds to the City of Cambridge to convert Danehy Park from a 50-acre landfill to playing fields and open space. . A new rolling grant round is in development and will be announced by the Secretary of EOEA.

Schedule: The application process begins in the spring with an application deadline of June 1.

Massachusetts Environmental Trust

Environmental Grants

Contact: Robbin Peach: (617) 727-0249

Summary: The Trust funds projects that: (1) encourage cooperative efforts to raise environmental awareness, and (2) support innovative approaches that can protect and preserve our natural resources, with a special focus on water and related land resources.

Eligibility: Non-profit, community associations, civic groups, schools and institutions for higher education, municipalities, and state agencies.

Match: See individual program guidelines.

$ Range: See individual program guidelines.

Examples: Recipients have included the Coalition for Buzzards Bay, Springfield Science Museum, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, Association for the Preservation of Cape Cod, and many others.

Schedule: The Trust's list of funding availability for FY00 is now available. All program guidelines are available on the Trust's web site. http://www.agmconnect.org/maenvtr1.html.

Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM)

Coastal Pollutant Remediation (CPR) Program

Contact: Jason Burtner (617) 626-1214

Summary: Stormwater pollution and vessel pump-out grants.

Eligibility: The 221 Municipalities located within the Massachusetts coastal watersheds.

Match: 25% local match, cash or in-kind services

$ Range: No restrictions; past grants have ranged between $3,000 and $140,000.

Examples: Design and construction of a Best Management Practice structure to filter roadway runoff flowing through a storm drain; boat pump-outs.

Schedule: RFR released in late spring with deadline in summer.

Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment

Non-Profit Organizations Coastal and Marine Environment Grants

Contact: Susan Snow-Cotter (617) 626-1202.

Summary: Grants to fund efforts to restore shellfish habitat, restore groundfish resources, identify effects of toxins in marine food chain, reduce marine debris, protect and restore regionally significant coastal habitat.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations (e.g. community assoc., civic groups, municipalities, education institutions) in Gulf of Maine Watershed which in Massachusetts extends from Salisbury to Nantucket. (Does not include Buzzards Bay towns.)

Match: 50% match requirement. (Half of the match must be in cash.)

$ Range: $1,000 - $10,000

Examples: Outreach materials to support marine debris education. Development of bilingual Citizen's Guide to Protecting Natural Resources of Boston Harbor.

Schedule: Depends on funding availability. Call for more information.

Department of Environmental Management (DEM)

Lake and Pond Grant Program

Contact: Steve Asen: (617) 626-1353

Summary: Lake and Pond protection, preservation, enhancement, and public access.

Eligibility: Municipalities; Co-applications are encouraged from Lake and Pond Associations or Districts, and Watershed Associations.

Match: 50% cash match.

$ Range: $1,000-$10,000

Examples: Controlling non-point pollution; eradicating non-native aquatic plant species, developing lake and watershed management plans.

Schedule: In 1998, applications were mailed in October and the deadline was December 31, 1998. Call for more information.

Recreational Trails Program

Contact: Peter Brandenburg: (617) 626-1453

Summary: Construction and improvement of publicly accessible recreational trails.

Eligibility: Municipalities, nonprofit groups, and regional and state agencies.

Match: 20% minimum, in-kind permitted.

$ Range: $2000-$20,000, exceptions considered.

Examples: Trail building materials; support of volunteer trail maintenance activities.

Schedule: To be determined.

Greenways and Trails Demonstration Grants

Contact: Jennifer Howard: (413) 586-8706 X18; email jennifer.howard@state.ma.us

Summary: Innovative projects that advance the creation and promotion of greenway and trail networks throughout Massachusetts.

Eligibility: Municipalities, RPAs, and nonprofit organizations.

Match: None required, although encouraged including in-kind contributions.

$ Range: $1,000 - $5,000; up to $10,000 available for multi-town projects.

Examples: Improving access to rivers and trails, producing greenway and trail brochures, maps, signs, and curricula, and involving community members in greenway and trail planning and implementation.

Schedule: Applications are due in fall/winter each year - call for more information.

Coastal Access Grants Program

Contact: Geordie Vining: (617) 626-1398

Summary: Local and regional projects that improve and enhance the general public's recreational access to the coast.

Eligibility: Municipalities, RPAs, and nonprofit organizations.

Match: None required, although encouraged.

$ Range: Currently up to $5,000 per grant.

Examples: Develop a local public access plan, or a management plan for coastal property; develop a new coastal trail; enhance existing coastal access points; develop coastal access educational initiative.

Schedule: The application deadline is at the end of the calendar year, with awards announced 1-2 months later; projects and final reports must be completed by autumn. Call for exact dates and more information.

Urban Forest Planning and Education Grants

Contact: Phillip Rodbell: (617) 626-1466

Summary: Funds to build support for the protection and management of community trees and forest ecosystems.

Eligibility: Municipalities and nonprofit groups.

Match: 100%, in-kind allowed.

$ Range: Up to $10,000

Examples: Tree inventories that involve residents in data collection; hands-on training to students to observe, plant and care for trees; workshops and public awareness campaigns; urban environmental analysis (GIS).

Schedule: Applications are due in mid-April.

Heritage Tree Care

Contact: Edith Marka: (617) 626-1466

Summary: Funds for pruning and maintenance of large or historic public trees.

Match:

$ Range:

Eligibility: Municipalities and non-profit groups.

Schedule: Call for more information.

Mass ReLeaf Program

Contact: Edith Makra: (617) 626-1466

Summary: Funds the purchase of trees for community planting projects by developing partnerships between business, government, and nonprofit groups.

Eligibility: Municipalities, nonprofit groups, and community volunteer groups.

Match: 50%, usually in-kind services to plant and maintain trees.

$ Range: up to $5000

Examples: Tree planting to reduce energy use, curb the urban heat island effect, and offset urban pollution; educational and promotional events to expand volunteer networks and corporate partners.

Schedule: Grants in early spring and fall when available. Call for details.

Forest Stewardship Program

Contact: Edith Marka: (617) 626-1466

Summary: Grants to private forest landowners to protect forest ecosystems. Landowners, with assistance of DEM foresters, develop a forest stewardship

plan for their property, which makes them eligible for Federal cost sharing funds to help carry out the plan.

Eligibility: Any forest landowner in Massachusetts, who meets the following criteria: ownership must be private, non-industrial, and non-profit; and size of forest land must be less than 1,000 acres in total in the State.

Match:

$ Range:

Examples: Forest stewardship plans and implementation can include any project which meets one of the 9 main goals, such as wildlife habitat management, erosion reduction, protection of endangered species, trail creation/maintenance, and timber quality improvement.

Schedule: Applications were due in March 1997.

Massachusetts Historic Landscape Preservation Grant Program

Contact: Katy Lacy: (617) 626-1379 or katy.lacy@state.ma.us

Summary: State-funded competitive grant program to support the preservation and restoration of historic landscapes listed or in certain instances eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Eligibility: Applicants must be a municipality.

Match: The Program requires a municipal cash match of no less than 30 percent and no more than 48 percent of the total project.

$ Range: Up to $50,000 per year per project.

Examples: Inventory, planning and design activities include the survey of historic landscapes preservation of historic landscape reports, park user studies etc; construction activities include stabilization, protection, rehabilitation and restoration projects that are consistent with current planning documents; preservation maintenance activities include those cyclic maintenance activities that are essential to the long term protection and preservation of historic fabric and features of site; public education and stewardship activities include workshops, school programs, brochures, signage and interpretive elements.

Schedule: Call for more information.

Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

Section 319 Nonpoint Source Pollution Grants

Contact: Beth McCann: (617) 292-5901

Summary: To control nonpoint sources of water pollution, particularly from agricultural lands, paved surfaces, and other areas where rainwater collects pollutants as it runs over the land.

Eligibility: Any interested public or private organization.

Match: 40% non-federal match of total project cost.

$ Range: $20,000 to $200,000

Examples: Bioengineering technique used to repair eroded streambank; development of outreach materials to educate about nonpoint pollution, innovative stormwater management techniques.

Schedule: An RFR is issued annually, around March 1, with proposals due to DEP around May 1. There is considerable lag time between applying for and receiving s319 funds. The RFR for Federal Fiscal Year 2000 will be available in March 1999 for projects that will be funded in 2000.

Massachusetts Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program

Contact: Steven McCurdy: (617) 292-5779

Summary: In an effort to provide incentive to communities to undertake projects with meaningful water quality and public health benefits, this program provides financial assistance to help municipalities and wastewater districts to comply with federal and state water quality requirements. The Program provides low-interest loans to finance water quality improvement projects, with particular emphasis on watershed management priorities.

Eligibility: Massachusetts municipalities and waste water districts.

Match:

$ Range: Minimum $100,000. Maximum applicants limited to 15-20% of annual program capacity. Annual capacity is approximately $150M to $200M.

Examples: Planning and construction of eligible projects, including new wastewater treatment facilities and upgrades of existing facilities; infiltration/inflow correction; wastewater collection systems; control of combined sewer overflows; and non-point source pollution abatement projects, such as landfill capping, community programs for upgrading septic systems (Title 5), and storm water remediation.

Schedule: Solicitation annually during the summer. Call for more information.

Massachusetts Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program

Contact: Steven McCurdy: (617) 292-5779

Summary: In an effort to provide incentive to communities to undertake projects with meaningful public health benefits, this program provides financial assistance to help municipalities and public water suppliers to comply with federal and state Safe Drinking Water Act requirements. The Program provides low-interest loans to finance construction or improvement of water treatment facilities, as well as enhancement to distribution systems.

Eligibility: Massachusetts municipalities and community water systems with at least 15 residential connections.

Match:

$ Range: For calendar years 1998-2003, up to $400 million may be available through the loan program.

Examples: Projects include: New and upgraded drinking water treatment facilities; projects to replace contaminated sources, new water treatment, or storage facilities; consolidation or restructuring of water systems: project and system activities that provide treatment, or effective alternatives to treatment, for compliance with regulated health standards, such as the Surface Water Treatment Rule, installation or replacement of transmission or distribution systems.

Schedule: Applications are accepted annually in the late summer / early fall. Call for more information.

Section 604b Water Quality Management Planning Grants

Contact: Gary Gonyea: (617) 556-1152

Summary: Water quality assessment and management planning.

Eligibility: Regional public comprehensive planning organizations such as: regional planning agencies, councils of government, conservation districts, counties, and cities and towns.

Match: Match not required but proposals are enhanced by demonstration of local support.

$ Range: $30,000 to $60,000

Examples: Provide technical assistance to communities for water supply protection and assist local officials in comprehensive water resource planning.

Schedule: Request for Responses are typically issued by DEP each October for competitive projects with proposals due approximately six weeks later. Proposals are evaluated and funding is announced within two months of the

proposal submission deadline. Generally, projects are expected to begin approximately eight months after the date of their selection by the Department.

Watershed Project Financing and Construction

Contact: Northeast Regional Contact:

Alan Slater (6 17) 292-5749 or Thomas Mahin (781) 932-7660

Southeast Regional Contact:

Robert Cady (617) 292-5713 or Richard Keith (508) 946-2784

Central Regional Contact:

Gustav Swanquist (617) 556-1083 or Paul Anderson (508) 792-7692

Western Regional Contact:

Stanley Linda (617) 292-5736 or Deirdre Cabral (413) 784-1100 x2148

Summary: State Revolving Loan Program.

Eligibility: Massachusetts municipalities and wastewater districts.

Match: Loans are subsidized, currently at 50% grant equivalency. (Approximately a no-interest loan.)

$ Range: In recent years the program has operated at an annual capacity of $150 to $200 million per year, representing the financing of 40-50 project annually.

Examples: 1. Project/ Design/ Construction of municipal water pollution abatement activities, including wastewater treatment facilities, correction of combined sewer overflows, wastewater collection and transmission facilities, nonpoint source projects (including Title 5), and infiltration/inflow removal.

2. Design and construction of projects to protect or improve public drinking water systems, including filtration, disinfestation, and distribution.

Schedule: Calendar Year Basis; applications due October 15.

Community Septic Management Program

Contact: Northeast Regional Office: Vivek Joshi (978) 661-7742

Central Regional Office: Joanne Kasper-Dunn (508) 792-7653 x3763

Southeast Regional Office: Pamela Truesdale (508) 946-2881

Western Regional Office: Jane Pierce (413) 784-1100 x2153

Summary: Loans for septic system planning and improvements.

Eligibility: Municipalities

Match: None

$Range: This program has already undergone two rounds of funding. Every community was given a chance to participate during the years 1996-1998. Currently available option: Possible grant (up to $15,000) to develop a regional or watershed based septic system management plan. Upon completion of the plan the municipality would receive a minimum $200,000 loan for upgrades. If the community is already participating in the program, and can demonstrate a need for additional funds, then the Regional Coordinator must be contacted through an "Expression of Interest".

Schedule: For new applicants: A two page "Expression of Interest" is required. Call the Regional coordinator for the 1999 schedule.

Municipal Recycling Grant Program

Contact: Brooke Nash: (617) 292-5984 / Peggy Harlow (617) 292-5861

Summary: Recycling equipment, educational materials, and technical assistance grants

Eligibility: Municipalities and regional groups - must provide recycling data sheet and have municipal Buy Recycled policy.

Match: Recycling trucks ($20,000 or trade in of old truck requested)

Replacement curbside set-out containers (50% match required)

Recycled paint (50% match required)

Re-refined motor oil (50% match required)

$ Range: No restrictions: FY 99 grants range from $7 - $112,654

Examples: Recycling grant items include public education information, set out containers, roll-off containers, recycling trucks, transfer trailers, hazardous household products equipment, recycled products, and technical assistance. New FY99 grant opportunities include storage sheds for collecting mercury-containing products, grants to pay for the recycling of electronics and mercury-containing products, technical assistance to increase participation in recycling programs, and re-refined motor oil.

Schedule: In FY99, the application process began in July and the deadline was in September. Grant awards were announced in late October.

Municipal Recycling Incentive Program (MRIP)

Contact: Brooke Nash: (617) 292-5984 / Joseph Lambert (617) 574-6875

Summary: Performance based grant that awards a per ton payment for primary recyclables collected through municipal programs.

Eligibility: Municipalities and regional groups - must meet minimum recycling criteria and elective criteria every 6 months (criteria are cumulative and increase every 6 months).

Match: None

$ Range: FY 98 payments ranged from $76-$124,649 (Based upon $4/ton for drop-off programs and $8/ton for curbside programs.)

Examples: FY 99 minimum criteria include: establish a municipal Buy Recycled Policy and tracking system; establish equal or "parallel" access to both solid waste and recycling collection services; expand recycling access to unserved residents.

FY 98 elective criteria include: Multiple choices in the areas of recycling access, recycling participation, and recycled product procurement.

Schedule: For FY99, the first phase eligibility deadline is December 1, 1998 and the second phase eligibility deadline is May 15, 1999.

Department of Fisheries, Wildlife, and Environmental Law Enforcement (DFWELE)

Urban Rivers Small Grants

Contact: Maria Van Dusen: (617) 626-1540

Summary: For projects that seek to restore urban rivers.

Eligibility: Municipalities and non-profit groups located in urbanized areas.

Match: No match requirement.

$ Range: $3,000 - $8,000

Examples: First year grants.

Schedule: Call for dates.

Clean Vessel Act Grants

Contact: Buell Hollister: (617) 626-1524

Summary: Funds boat pump-out facilities and dump stations for the proper disposal of sewage from recreational boats.

Eligibility: Municipalities, and private marinas with the support of municipalities.

Match:

$ Range:

Examples: A fixed station attached to a dock where boats can be serviced or a boat equipped with a pump-out which services boats while attached to a mooring.

Schedule: Funding for the next federal fiscal year is anticipated. Please call to inquire about the program.

Department of Food and Agriculture (DFA)

Agriculture Preservation Restriction (APR) Program

Contact: Carol Szocik: (508) 792-7712

Summary: Through the APR Program, the state offers to pay farmers the difference between the "fair market value" and the "agricultural value" of their farmland in exchange for a permanent deed restriction which precludes any use of the property that will have a negative impact on its agricultural viability.

Eligibility: Farmers owning farms 5 acres or larger.

Match:

$ Range:

Examples: Since 1980, deed restrictions have been placed on 468 farms totaling approximately 42,000 acres in 130 towns.

Schedule: The program is a rolling application process. If a farmer is interested, the APR Program should be contacted.

Farm Viability Program

Contact: Kent Lagee: (413) 529-0873

Summary: This program's purpose is to improve the economic bottom lines and environmental integrity of participating farms through the development and implementation of Farm Viability Plans. Financial agreements are made with participating farms upon the completion of such as plan which may include either the purchase of an agricultural covenant by the state for a term of 5 or 10 years, or payment for the implementation of the developed Farm Viability Plan.

Eligibility: Farms of 5 acres or larger.

Match:

$ Range:

Schedule: Applications will be accepted in the spring. Call for more information.

Agro Environmental Technology Grant Program

Contact: Craig Richov: (508) 792-7711

Summary: Applied research, demonstration projects, and feasibility analysis which involve new or alternative production, processing, distribution or market access technologies, practices or organizational arrangements.

Eligibility: Public or private agencies or organizations, business and industry, educational institutions and local governments.

Match: Minimum 1 : 1

$ Range: Up to $50,000

Examples: Use of bio-controls for plant pests as an alternative to pesticide use, organizing a marketing cooperative, developing manuals and how to guides for the production of new agricultural or aquacultural crops.

Schedule: Annual RFR released in September, proposals due to by December 1st each year.

Massachusetts Highway Department (MassHwy)

TEA21 - Transportation Enhancement Funds

Contact: Linda Walsh: (617) 973-8052

Summary: Funds for environmental remediation of transportation impacts; transportation improvements including pedestrian and bicycle pathways.

Eligibility: Municipalities apply through regional planning agencies.

Match:

$ Range:

Examples: Barnstable Walkway to the Sea (land acquisition for harbor access); stormwater remediation in Mashpee.

Schedule: Call for more information.

Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)

Municipal Incentive Grant Program

Contact: Don Martin, Program Coordinator: (617) 727-7001, x404

Summary: The Municipal Incentive Grant Program (MIGs) is designed to assist local government officials in the planning, management and operation of cities and towns, and in the training of local officials. The program provides grants to pay for consultant assistance and, in some cases, hardware and software. MIGs funds enable communities, individually or working together, to address particular issues, define solutions and implement improvements in service delivery.

Eligibility: Must be a municipality, county government, or Regional Planning Agency. Maximum grants are $35,000 for local and $60,000 for regional projects.

Match:

$ Range:

Examples: Growth management strategies, affordable housing strategies, design of regional arrangements for service delivery, creation or enhancement of fiscal management practices, development of Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

Schedule: The FY00 program will be announced in April, 1999. Information meetings will be held across the Commonwealth in May, 1999.

Community Development Action Grant (CDAG) Program

Contact: Carol Harper, Program Manager: (617) 727-7001 x483

Summary: Primarily Infrastructure support for projects promoting economic development. Project must demonstrate public benefit. CDAG funding limited to 50% of the total project cost; applicant must demonstrate financing commitments of public and private sources. CDAG funds "minimum amount necessary to make the project feasible." All matching funds must be in place before CDAG funds can be expended.

Match: $.50 local; $1.00 CDAG; $2.50 private.

$ Range: $100,000 to $1,000,000.

Examples: Extension of water and/or sewer service to an industrial park. Road construction/improvement in industrial/commercial area.

Eligibility: Municipalities only. These funds are to be utilized on public infrastructure projects and are intended to address substandard or blighted conditions. Land to be improved must be publicly owned. Pre-application process, followed by full application.

Schedule: Rolling admission program.

Community Development Block Grant Program

Contact: Toni Hall, Community Development Specialist: (617) 727-7001, x428
Robert Shumeyko, Program Manager, (617) 727-7001, x435

Summary: Support of community and economic development projects that benefit low and moderate income persons. Funding source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. DHCD administers competitive grant program for state's non-entitlement communities (e.g., under 50,000 population)

Eligibility: Municipalities under 50,000 population, either individually or in regional arrangements. Contact DHCD for application.

Match:

$ Range:

Examples: Housing rehabilitation (includes septic system repairs), water and sewer Improvements, public facilities construction and improvements, e.g., parks and playgrounds, planning, economic development, neighborhood revitalization. List of eligible projects is extensive. Call for details.

Schedule: Application for Community Development Fund I and II were due on or before August 1, 1997. (Community Development Fund usually has one competitive round yearly.)

Grant Program for the Demolition of Abandoned Buildings

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Summary: Grants to demolish abandoned buildings which are posing severe health and safety risks.

Eligibility: Municipalities. Must demonstrate health and safety risk factors caused by abandoned structures. Maximum grant award of $250,000.

Match:

$ Range:

Example: Removal of abandoned residential and commercial properties primarily in densely settled areas.

Schedule: Rolling admission. Call for details.

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This list is also available from the MCZM web page at:
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